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Pauling Speech Report Scored

HAVING attended Dr. Pauling's recent talk at Hamilton College, I was shocked to read the report of it carried in your paper. Is this, I wonder, our own local version of "managed" news, or is it merely mis-managed?

The object of the address was not to accuse the CIA—as might well be inferred from the headline—but to present his belief in the need for controlled disarmament. The comment which you chose for your heavier type was an aside made not without humor.

Further, the remarks on bravery which your report

ascribes to him were simply quoted as being nonsensical under present conditions. Dr. Pauling asked, "Of what value is bravery in the face of an exploding hydrogen bomb?"

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Your report gives the impression of a man attacking anything in sight. There was criticism, of course, but very little of the constructive parts of the speech are to be found in the paper. Surely a man of Dr. Pauling's stature deserves at least accurate reporting of his comments.

Having just read your editorial on the subject, I am led to wonder whether the leader writer attended the speech or only read the report of it.

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